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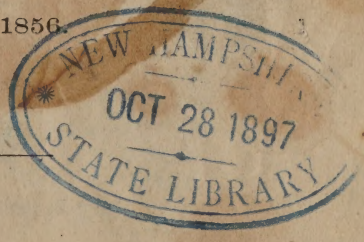
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF HOOKSETT,

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1856.



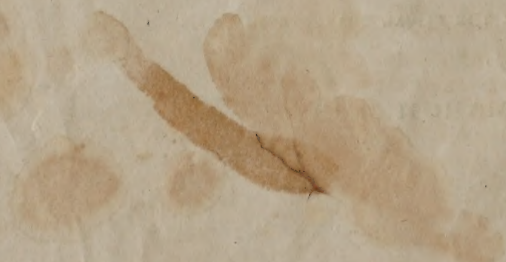
CONCORD, N. H.:
STEAM PRINTING WORKS OF McFARLAND & JENKS,
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AUDITORS' REPORT.

EXPENDITURES FROM MARCH, 1855, TO MARCH, 1856.

Paid State tax for 1855,	367.70	
County tax, do.,	671.68	
		\$1039.38
School tax, District No. 1,	217.42	
do. do. do. 2,	216.86	
do. do. do. 3,	116.37	
do. do. do. 4,	153.13	
do. do. do. 5,	111.83	
do. do. do. 6,	75.44	
do. do. do. 7,	222.86	
do. do. do. 8,	37.71	
		\$1151.64

SELECTMEN'S BILLS, 1854.

Paid James T. Goss,	45.23	
N. Head,	30.50	
Hiram Kimball,	19.00	
		\$94.73
Paid N. W. Gove, services as Town Clerk, 1854,	\$5.00	
do. recording births, deaths, &c.,	1.50	
do. notifying juror,	1.00	
Joseph T. Goss, services as Treasurer, 1854,	5.00	
John W. Prescott, for collecting taxes, 1855,	61.50	
do. non-resident taxes paid in labor,	28.39	
N. Head, for lumber,	77.42	
J. Hodge, for damages to horse,	35.00	
Pd. A. Martin, as agent one year,	220.00	
Hooksett Manf'g Co., for lead and oil,	25.69	
Town of Chester, for support of Orin Lakin,	107.19	
Hooksett Bridge Co., for bridge,	1600.00	
Petition of William P. Farmer,	206.42	
Amos H. Page, for whitewashing fence of grave yard,	14.00	
Hiram Kimball, for labor on highway,	23.50	
John H. Mitchell, services as School Committee, 1854,	17.00	
do. do. preparing reports and two journeys to Manchester,	5.00	

Paid John H. Mitchell, services taking depositions,	1.00
do. one day's work on grave yard,	1.00
do. two days' at bridge hearing,	3.50
do. for making deed,	.50
N. Mitchell, non-resident taxes, 1854, paid in labor,	11.00
do. for 3 days' attendance as witness on bridge case,	4.50
do. for two journeys to Bow, one to Concord, one to Pembroke, to summon witnesses on bridge case,	3.00
S. T. Burbank, services as Sup. School Committee, 1853,	10.50
Josiah Clark, services as Sup. School Committee, 1854,	10.00
Abbott & Jenks, for printing town reports, 1854,	15.00
City of Manchester, for support of widow Whittier,	12.00
Concord Railroad, award of Commissioners,	.10
Charles H. Wheeler, for glass and setting in Town House,	2.83
George C. Johnson, for enrolling soldiers, 1854, 1855,	5.50
Concord Railroad, for freight,	2.10
D. Clark, for advice,	1.00
N. Mitchell, 2d, for work on road and bridge,	2.50
Joseph Lewis, for painting grave-yard fence,	5.33
J. Lewis, for work on Cemetery,	6.00
A. H. Converse, for transporting State arms to Portsmouth,	6.50
W. Clay, for work on highway,	3.00
Mary Killicut, for washing Town House,	2.50
Horace Gage, for returning births and deaths,	2.10
Nat. Head, for expenses perambulating H. and A. line,	2.50
R. Haines, for breaking out roads, 1854,	1.00
Leonard Rowe, breaking out roads, 1854,	1.50
R. Merrill, for medical attendance on H. Hall,	5.00
Hiram Kimball, for labor on roads,	8.00
Isaac Lewis, for services as sexton,	2.00
J. L. Garland, work on highway,	7.00
J. F. James, for running lines,	3.00
Samuel Adams, for labor on roads,	10.25
W. Holt, for hay for Mrs. Killicut,	6.85
R. Haines, for work on roads,	2.00
T. Currier, for enrolling militia, 1854,	1.00
Teachers Merrimack County,	25.25
I. Howe, for powder and labor on roads,	1.77
P. Brown, for recording deeds,	.70

Paid Gilmanton Insurance Co.,	3.15
N. Cate, for labor on roads,	3.00
Leonard Martin, for breaking out roads,	3.00
L. Colby, for work on roads, 1854,	3.00
M. Hodge, for abatement of taxes, 1855,	1.88
L. Colby, for work on roads,	2.00
do for pasturing Mrs. Killicut's sheep,	2.50
Moses Hodge, for breaking out roads,	1.50
J. Kimball, for labor on roads,	4.00
J. Martin, for do.,	4.00
J. Ordway, Jr., for labor on bridge,	2.00
Joseph T. Goss, for goods for Jos. Ordway,	3.85
H. E. Robie, for repairing hearse,	1.08
R. A. Dutton, for clothing,	5.00
Leonard Martin, for breaking roads,	4.50
J. H. Mitchell, for work on bridge,	1.50
R. Haines, for labor on roads,	6.50
Thomas Rowe, for do.,	3.67
Asa Kemp, for do.,	2.75
Thomas Currier, for do.,	8.50
N. Preston, for do.,	3.75
J. Russell, for do.,	1.33
S. Davis, for do.,	3.00
E. M. Farnum, for do.,	3.00
L. Rowe, for do.,	4.00
J. Kimball, for plank for Sawyer Bridge,	4.06
L. Upham, for work on roads,	9.00
J. Colby, for do.,	2.50
S. Kimball, for abatement of taxes, 1855,	3.74
E. Johnson, for breaking out roads,	6.34
do for assisting in perambulating lines,	6.00
L. Upham, for breaking out roads,	5.65
D. Stone, for labor on roads,	1.50
S. Davis, for do.,	2.50
S. Melvin, for do.,	.50
J. T. Goss, paid witness on bridge case,	5.33
R. Ordway, for shoveling snow,	1.00
M. B. Dow, for labor on bridge,	7.25
J. Kimball, for do. on roads,	6.50
S. Head, for lumber for bridge,	12.43
E. E. Goodale, expenses on settlement and for rooms for bridge hearing,	13.12
S. Batchelder, for breaking out roads,	1.25
J. Johnson, abatement of taxes for 1855,	3.71
City of Manchester,	6.50
Ebenezer Clark,	28.22
A. Martin, for use of Poor Farm,	180.55

Liquors for agencies,	240.59
Jesse Gault's heirs, on note,	800.00
Balance in hands of J. M. Prescott, Collector,	200.00
do. in hands of Joseph T. Goss, Treasurer,	146.88
	<hr/> \$6685.72

RECEIPTS OF TREASURY.

Amount in treasury, as per last report,	\$767.26
Rec'd for use of town house,	2.00
Balance in hands of A. Martin, ag't Poor Farm,	88.00
Jacob F. Martin, for land,	275.00
N. Mitchell, tax list, 1854,	140.00
Eri Poor, tax list, 1852,	22.12
Literary fund for 1855,	91.43
Support of county paupers,	162.12
John Young, for work of H. Clay,	5.00
Railroad tax for 1855,	204.07
J. Davis, for impounding horse,	1.00
Amount tax list for 1855,	3075.01
Jesse Gault,	1600.00
P. Porter, licensed agent,	143.69
H. Saltmarsh, licensed agent,	31.52
J. Lewis, for lot No. 11, cemetery,	5.00
H. Smith, for lot No. 10, cemetery,	3.00
Daniel Maxfield, for lot No. 88, cemetery,	5.00
J. Lund, for lot No. 24, cemetery,	3.00
J. Prescott, for lot No. 9, cemetery,	3.00
R. A. Dutton, for lot No. 84, cemetery,	5.00
J. W. Prescott, for lot No. 9, cemetery,	3.00
J. H. Mitchell, for lot No. 92, cemetery,	5.00
N. Mitchell, for lot No. 93, cemetery,	5.00
J. Young, for lot No. 90, cemetery,	5.00
E. E. Goodale, for lot No. 82, cemetery,	4.50
J. Hunt, for lot No. 15, cemetery,	3.00
P. Porter, for lot No. 13, cemetery,	5.00
R. Silver, for lot No. 7, cemetery,	3.00
T. W. Nickelson, for lots Nos. 86, 87, cem'y,	10.00
A. Lane, for lot No. 89, cemetery,	5.00
J. Dutton, for lot No. 85, cemetery,	5.00
	<hr/> \$6685.72

I have examined the accounts of James T. Goss, town treasurer, and find the same well vouched, and the foregoing is a true statement thereof.

JESSE GAULT, *Auditor.*

Hooksett, March 1st, 1856.

DUE THE TOWN.

Due balance J. W. Prescott, tax list, 1855,	\$200.00
E. T. Wentworth's note, as per last report,	201.49
N. Mitchell's tax list, 1854,	60.00
E. Poor's tax list, 1852,	28.88
In hands of agent poor farm,	96.05
In hands of J. T. Goss, treasurer,	146.88
From Portsmouth railroad, for liquors lost,	19.06
Liquors in hands of P. Porter, licensed agent,	64.57
Liquors in hands of H. Saltmarsh, licensed ag't,	17.81
	<hr/> \$834.74

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Due heirs Jesse Gault,	\$800.00
A. Martin, for one year's salary,	220.00
Selectmen's bills for 1855,	98.58
Other bills, estimated at	100.00
School district No. 2,	76.86
	<hr/> \$1295.44
Balance against the town,	<hr/> \$460.70

A STATEMENT

Of the receipts and expenditures of the Poor Farm, for the year ending March, 1856.

RECEIPTS.

1855.			
Feb. 21.	J. T. Goss,	43 lbs. butter,	\$10.47
21.	do.	17 lbs. apples,	1.02
21.	do.	22 lbs. cheese,	2.67
24.	do.	186 lbs. apples,	11.16
24.	do.	106 lbs. cheese,	12.72
24.	do.	30 lbs. butter,	7.50
Mar. 15.	do.	4 doz. eggs,	.67
15.	do.	14 eggs,	.20
Apr. 23.	do.	14 $\frac{1}{16}$ lbs. butter,	4.25
30.	do.	14 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. butter,	3.68
30.	do.	11 lbs. butter,	2.75
May 14.	do.	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. butter,	3.06
			<hr/> \$60.43
	22.	Jones & Rowell, 17 $\frac{1}{16}$ lbs. butter,	4.26
	28	do. 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. butter,	4.02
June 7.	do.	17 lbs. butter,	3.40
7.	do.	5 bush. potatoes,	2.25
13.	do.	16 lbs. butter,	3.20
22.	do.	19 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. butter,	3.90
July 3.	do.	38 lbs. butter,	7.60

July	11.	Jones & Rowell, 16½ lbs. butter,	3.30	
	17.	do. 17½ lbs. butter,	3.50	
1856.				
Jan.		do. 10 bush. oats,	6.00	
				<hr/> \$41.43
Feb.	19.	D. C. Elliott, 23 lbs. cheese,	2.75	
	23.	J. Gault, Jr., for labor,	2.00	
Mar.	7.	J. Wiggin, for 15 lbs. cheese,	1.80	
	7.	R. Silver, for labor,	3.00	
	7.	J. Gault, Jr., 15 lbs. veal,	.75	
	7.	do. labor,	1.50	
Apr.	15.	J. L. Fogg, for 3 calves and 1 calf skin,	9.33	
	15.	Peddler, for baiting,	.30	
	30.	N. W. Gove, 21½ lbs. cheese,	2.58	
May	3.	A. Lane, for labor,	2.00	
	3.	N. Mitchell, for 1½ lb. butter,	.31	
	13.	C. Wheeler, 3½ lbs. butter,	.87	
	13.	A. Martin, for 2 bush. oats,	1.30	
	13.	J. Young, for 5 bush. potatoes.	2.10	
	13.	S. R. Noyes, for 8 bush. potatoes,	2.67	
	13.	A. Martin, ½ bush. oats,	.30	
	13.	S. R. Noyes, 3 bush. potatoes,	1.00	
	13.	P. Rowell, ½ bush. rye,	.75	
	13.	N. Mitchell, 1½ bush. oats,	.93	
June	7.	Peddler, for baiting,	.25	
	7.	J. Gault, Jr., for labor,	68.60	
	7.	Cash for impounding horses,	.60	
Oct.	30.	F. W. Nickelson, 39 lbs. butter,	9.75	
	30.	N. Mitchell, for labor,	4.00	
	30.	Mr. Woods, for labor,	1.00	
	30.	A. Martin, for 1 bush. rye,	1.00	
Dec.	4.	J. Mitchell, for straw,	.50	
	4.	do. for 1½ lb. butter,	.30	
1856.				
Jan.		P. C. Rowell, for labor,	14.87	
		J. Lewis, 28 doz. eggs,	4.20	
		A. Martin, for labor,	15.00	
		D. C. Elliott, on settlement,	3.50	
		N. Head, for labor,	4.00	
		Treasury,	180.55	
		Total amount receipts,		<hr/> \$459.38

TOWN FARM EXPENDITURES.

1855.			
Feb.	23.	Paid James T. Goss, 8½ lbs. sugar,	.66
	24.	Thread,	.06
		15 lbs. fish,	.45
Mar.	1.	2 oz. thread,	.16
	1.	1 paper pins,	.08
	7.	10 gals. molasses,	3.30

Mar.	7.	1 bbl. flour,	12.00
	7.	1 lb. tea,	.50
	7.	10 yds. sheeting,	.70
	7.	4 yds. calico,	.50
	7.	1 oz. thread,	.06
	7.	5 lbs. tobacco,	1.10
	21.	$\frac{1}{2}$ gal. oil,	.44
	22.	$\frac{1}{2}$ bush. onions,	.37
	28.	1 bar soap,	.08
Apr.	3.	4 lbs. sugar,	.30
	3.	1 pitcher,	.20
	5.	1 lb. tea,	.40
	5.	$35\frac{3}{4}$ yds. calico,	2.86
	10.	$34\frac{1}{2}$ yds. calico,	2.76
	10.	8 yds. calico,	.80
	10.	24 skeins thread,	.12
	10.	1 yd. B. drilling,	.14
	10.	1 lb. saleratus,	.08
	16.	26 lbs. potash,	2.65
	16.	20 lbs. batting,	1.90
	16.	2 bags salt,	.56
	16.	5 lbs. soap,	.35
	16.	$7\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. fish,	.31
	18.	9 yds. ticking,	1.12
	23.	5 lbs. rosin,	.25
	25.	$\frac{1}{4}$ gro. matches,	.15
	25.	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. saltpetre,	.03
	30.	4 qts. peas,	.40
	30.	1 paper seeds,	.05
May	7.	1 hoe,	.60
	7.	6 lbs. tobacco,	1.32
	7.	2 combs,	.20
	7.	1 lash,	.10
	7.	7 papers seeds,	.35
	14.	6 yds. calico,	.60
	14.	10 yds. calico,	1.25
	14.	13 lbs. sugar,	1.00
	14.	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. nutmeg,	.30
	16.	1 lb. tea,	.40
	16.	1 lb. saleratus,	.08
	16.	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. starch,	.06
	16.	1 lb. salts,	.12
	24.	3 yds. delaine,	.38
	24.	$1\frac{1}{4}$ yd. muslin,	.38
	24.	1 yd. sheeting,	.08
	24.	1 yd. sheeting,	.13
June	6.	1 paper tacks,	.10
	6.	1 lb. pepper,	.20
	6.	$34\frac{3}{4}$ yds. sheeting,	2.78

June	12.	$\frac{1}{2}$ gal. oil,	.40
	12.	1 paper seeds,	.05
	15.	12 gals. molasses,	3.84
	18.	1 lb. tea,	.40
	18.	1 tub,	1.12
	18.	$17\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. fish,	.77
	25.	Hooks and lines,	.09
	25.	6 bowls,	.48
July		$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. alum,	.03
	11.	4 lbs. soda,	.25
	11.	8 lbs. sugar,	.60
	11.	$25\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. fish,	1.16
	11.	1 bbl. flour,	12.00
	11.	2 rakes,	.50
	11.	1 bag salt,	1.60
	14.	2 lbs. tea,	.80
	20.	10 lbs. rice,	.70
	20.	1 lb. ginger,	.12
	20.	1 pail,	.25
	20.	1 gal. sugar-house molasses,	.40
	21.	1 bag salt,	.28
	31.	$\frac{1}{2}$ gal. syrup,	.21
	31.	5 lbs. sugar,	.45
	31.	Thread,	.20
	31.	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. nutmeg,	.30
	31.	1 hat and band,	.14
Aug.	4.	18 lbs. fish,	.81
	4.	1 cream pot,	.34
	4.	1 steamer,	.83
	12.	2 lbs. sugar,	.15
	12.	1 lb. tea,	.50
	20.	27 lbs. sugar,	1.02
	20.	1 kit mackerel,	1.50
	20.	10 lbs. fish,	.56
	29.	$\frac{1}{2}$ gal. oil,	.44
	29.	1 bbl. pork,	23.00
	29.	1 bbl. flour,	13.00
Sept.	4.	1 lb. pepper,	.18
	8.	1 lb. tea,	.36
	8.	20 yds. calico,	2.00
	10.	1 lash,	.10
	19.	2 bags meal,	4.20
	19.	4 lbs. coffee,	.50
	19.	1 ball wicking,	.05
	26.	$\frac{1}{2}$ gal. oil,	.50
	26.	4 lbs. nails,	.20
	26.	8 lbs. sugar,	.80
	26.	1 ball twine,	.06
	29.	4 yds. calico,	.50

Sept.	29.	7 yds. flannel,	.98
	29.	5 yds. flannel,	.62
Oct.	3.	8 yds. cloth,	1.60
	11.	2 oz. camphor,	.08
	11.	40 lbs. fish,	1.80
	13.	Linen thread,	.08
	15.	1 bbl. flour,	10.50
	15.	2 bags salt,	.50
	17.	2 lbs. saleratus,	.14
	17.	Twine,	.03
	18.	2 bush. onions,	1.50
	22.	4 lbs. coffee,	.50
	22.	8 gals. molasses,	3.20
	30.	1 M. shingles,	2.50
	30.	6 yds. flannel,	.75
	30.	5 lbs. nails,	.25
	30.	18 lights of glass,	.90
Nov.	7.	$\frac{3}{4}$ lb. yarn,	.75
	7.	2 lbs. tea,	.72
	7.	1 bed cord,	.42
	7.	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. nutmegs,	.30
	29.	1 lb. pimento,	.18
	29.	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. cassia,	.12
	29.	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. ground cloves,	.10
Dec.		6 gals. molasses,	2.70
		43 yds. sheeting,	3.92
		4 lbs. coffee,	.50
		8 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. sugar,	.77
		2 qts. oil,	.50
		1 bag meal,	2.40
	8.	1 bbl. flour,	11.00
	17.	2 bush. salt,	1.33
	17.	1 lb. ginger,	.12
Jan.	17.	2 lbs. raisins,	.33
1856.			
	2.	8 lbs. tobacco,	2.00
	2.	1 lb. yarn,	1.00
	2.	linen thread,	.25
	2.	2 bags meal,	4.60
	2.	$\frac{1}{2}$ doz. plates,	.29
	16.	6 gals. molasses,	2.70
Jan.	16.	1 lb. tea,	.36
	16.	1 do. do.,	.50
	16.	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ sugar,	.75
	16.	39 yds. sheeting,	3.12
	16.	6 pipes,	.3
	16.	2 bags meal,	4.40
	16.	1 lb. saleratus,	.6
	22.	needles and comb,	.19

Jan. 22.	$\frac{1}{2}$ gallon of oil,	.50
22.	1 axe and handle,	1.17
29.	2 doz. skeins,	.12
Feb. 4.	1 bbl. flour,	11.50
4.	2 bags meal,	4.50
4.	1 sieve,	.33
13.	4 lbs. sugar,	.40
13.	1 lb. tea,	.36
13.	$\frac{1}{4}$ nutmeg,	.32
19.	2 quarts oil,	.50
19.	1 bag salt,	.28
Aug. 29.	8 lbs. tobacco,	1.76
29.	Thread,	.16
1855.		
May 16.	Jones & Rowell, $\frac{1}{4}$ bbl. flour,	3.31
18.	1 bbl. flour,	13.25
23.	13 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. fish,	.67
30.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ do. yarn,	1.62
June 4.	2 do. saleratus,	.13
13.	1 peck beans,	.75
13.	18 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. sugar,	1.50
July 4.	5 yds. cloth,	.60
4.	3 nappies,	.50
22.	1 lb. yarn,	1.08
22.	1 bag meal,	2.25
Aug. 13.	2 bags do.,	4.40
Sept.	2 bags do.,	4.30
Nov. 19.	3 doz. biscuit,	.18
	8 lbs. sugar,	.72
	1 pair mittins,	.62
	2 lbs. raisins,	.36
	2 hanks thread,	.10
	2 bags meal,	4.30
Dec. 6.	2 do. do.,	5.00
14.	2 axe handles,	.50
Aug. 8.	4 lbs. nails,	.20
Apr. 18.	T. J. Otterson, 1 cake of soap,	.16
May 19.	6 yds. cotton cloth,	.42
	Thread,	.48
24.	do.	.10
	5 skeins yarn,	.25
June 13.	Thread,	.10
July 3.	do.	.08
	6 lemons,	.18
	2 yds. sheeting,	.14
	2 sets knitting needles,	.10
Aug. 3.	Thread,	.12
	1 pair scissors,	.16
Sept. 5.	1 lb. sugar,	.13

Sept. 5.	2 yds. cloth,	.30
30.	$\frac{1}{4}$ gross of matches,	.17
Oct. 4.	1 ball twine,	.06
Nov. 2.	Thread,	.12
	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. starch,	.06
	3 lbs. batting,	.30
	$\frac{1}{2}$ gal. oil,	.50
Dec. 5.	1 paper of pins,	.06
	Thread,	.11
	1 quart oil,	.25
	1 lb. raisins,	.17
1855.		
Feb. 24.	A. M. Prescott,	2.00
Apr. 2.	pedlar, for biscuit,	.25
3.	do. do. basket,	.62
15.	J. Osgood, for 250 lbs. plaster,	1.12
18.	pedlar, for fish,	.36
	Nat. Head, for lumber,	1.30
28.	S. Bullock for $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. grass seed,	2.25
	do: 8 lbs. clover seed,	1.27
	do. 1 bag,	.25
	Stranger, for hat,	1.10
	A. Martin, for fare to Concord,	.50
May 8.	William B. Shute, for toll,	.17
19.	Hooksett Factory Co., for cloth twine,	1.05
	P. Porter, for hat and trimmings,	.81
	do. for pair shoes,	.58
	do. for repairing boots,	.15
June 6.	Nathaniel Mitchell, for 1 peck beans,	.75
	Peddler, for biscuit,	.25
	Peddler, for tin ware,	.60
13.	P. Porter, for buttons,	.05
	Peddler, for biscuit,	.12
	N. Morgan; for use of bull,	.50
	N. Otterson, for labor,	.25
16.	Peddler, for 1 cheese hoop,	.50
	Stranger, for 1 chain,	.50
	J. C. Otterson, for 2 pigs,	4.50
	A. Martin, for 1 blanket,	.33
	do. for 5 yds. delaine,	.62
July 3.	Peddler, 1 cheese basket,	.67
	P. Porter, 2 doz. buttons,	.14
	Peddler, 26 biscuit,	.13
31.	P. Porter, for 1 box mustard,	.16
	do. for repairing boots,	.17
Aug. 3.	Factory Co., 4 yds. cloth,	.23
	T. Head, for use of bull,	1.00
13.	Peddler, for 5 doz. biscuit,	.50
14.	Dustin Rowell, cash,	3.00

Aug. 16.	P. Porter, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint brandy,	.32
	Wilson & Gault, for rennets,	.67
	P. Porter, for 1 bottle balsam,	.25
	do. for 1 bottle oil,	.13
	do. for 1 pair shoes,	1.00
Sept. 12.	do. for 1 pint brandy,	.62
	do. for alcohol,	.16
	do. for $\frac{1}{2}$ quire paper,	.10
	Peddler, for repairing clock,	.75
	D. Warde, for 1 apple pearer,	1.12
	do. for gimlet,	.16
	do. for 1 basket,	.75
16.	Mr. Straw, for coffin,	1.58
	A. Martin, for baiting horse,	.25
	Jones & Rowell, for 1 oz. nutmeg,	.10
	Peddler, for 1 bottle medicine,	1.00
30.	Peddler, for roll plaster,	.25
	A. Martin, for 6 chairs,	2.52
Oct. 4.	R. A. Dutton, for 1 pair pants,	3.25
	P. Porter, for 1 pair shoes,	.50
	do. for castile soap,	.16
	do. for 1 quart rum,	.25
	do. for 2 cakes beeswax,	.06
15.	J. Lund, 1 baize spencer,	1.38
	do. 1 pair shoes,	1.75
Nov. 2.	Factory Co., for 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. zinc and putty,	2.16
	P. Porter, for 2 combs,	.17
	J. Prescott, for labor,	2.25
	J. Young, for 1 fowl and 1 doz. eggs,	.70
Dec. 4.	Peddler, for 1 bottle essence,	.25
	J. Gault, on settlement,	6.59
	P. Porter, 1 hood,	.25
1856.		
Jan. 10.	do. thread and comb,	.18
	do. 1 pint brandy,	.62
	Peddler, for 1 broom,	.35
	Peddler, for 1 bottle balsam,	.12
	Woods & Fife, for 375 pounds beef,	24.67
	B. R. Merrill, for 2 visits and medicine,	2.67
	A. Martin, for 1 rocking chair,	1.25
	J. Young, on settlement,	.62
	N. Head, for sawing,	1.25
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Balance in hands of agent,		\$363.33
		96.05
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		\$459.38

INVOICE OF PROPERTY ON POOR FARM.

1 pair oxen,	\$125.00
4 cows,	120.00
2 shoties,	30.00
8 fowls,	2.00
5 tons hay,	100.00
25 bushels corn,	31.25
18 do. oats,	9.00
30 do. potatoes,	12.00
12 do. rye,	15.00
6 do. beans,	15.00
$\frac{3}{4}$ bbl. flour,	7.00
$1\frac{3}{4}$ do. pork,	40.00
25 lbs. lard,	6.50
40 lbs. butter,	10.00
270 lbs. cheese,	32.40
225 lbs. apple,	12.37
1 bush. rye meal,	1.25
1 do. corn meal,	1.25
$1\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. beef,	7.00
10 lbs. sausage,	1.00
1 gallon vinegar and keg,	.67
$1\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. cucumbers,	1.50
3 gals. molasses and keg,	1.75
5 chains,	2.75
5 bags,	1.00
1 harrow,	4.00
2 plows,	8.00
1 ox sled,	3.00
2 cart wheels,	3.00
1 ox cart,	40.00
1 auger and clevis,	.75
3 hoes,	1.25
4 axes,	1.50
1 winnowing mill,	8.00
3 iron wedges and beetle,	1.25
1 grind stone,	3.00
1 wood saw,	.50
3 rakes,	.50
1 bush scythe,	1.25
1 scythe and snath,	1.50
3 hay and 2 manure forks,	2.00
2 shovels,	1.25
1 hay rack,	2.00

1 drag, 1 set measures,	1.10
12 gals. soap,	1.50
Tubs and baskets,	3.00
3 yokes,	3.75
Tin and crockery ware,	11.50
2 brass kettles, shovels and tongs,	2.75
12 chairs, stove and furniture,	11.50
9 chambers and 2 trunks,	2.50
1 coffee mill,	.25
2 qts. oil and can,	.75
1 lantern and 2 tumblers,	.87
2 bureaus,	2.00
1 chest,	.75
3 pails and pair of steelyards,	1.75
2 tables and cupboard,	4.00
1 cheese press and 4 cheese hoops,	1.25
3 cranes and 2 churns,	2.75
1 cheese safe,	1.75
1 jar and pitcher,	.50
10 beds and bedding,	55.00
5 comforters, new,	4.00
10 new sheets,	4.00
20 new pillow-cases,	1.75
	<hr/> \$787.41

EXPENDITURES FOR THE SUPPORT OF PAUPERS AT POOR FARM.

Agent's salary for one year,	\$220.00
Interest on cost of farm and stock,	150.00
Invoice of stock, produce, &c., last year,	879.25
Amount received from Treasury,	180.55
	<hr/> \$1429.80
Deduct invoice of stock now on hand,	787.41
Amount rec'd support Co. paupers at Poor Farm,	162.12
Amount in hands of A. Martin, agent,	96.05
	<hr/> \$1045.58
Making the expenses of paupers exclusive of the amount received of the county,	<hr/> \$384.22

INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED ON POOR FARM.

Susan Abbot, 52 weeks; Moses Underhill, 52 weeks; Mary Fuller, 52 weeks; Mary Moran, 52 weeks; James Otterson, 52 weeks; Betsey Stickney, 14 weeks; Isaac Stickney, 14 weeks; Sarah Ordway, 20 weeks; Dustin Rowell, 37 weeks; Henry Clay, 3 weeks; Walter Clay, 5 weeks; Lucy Warren, 14 weeks; Paul Burk, 4 weeks; Mehitabel Otterson, 35 weeks. Total, 406 weeks.

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

For their services and expenses for the Town of Hooksett for the year ending March, 1856.

Town of HOOKSETT, to J. T. Goss,

DR.

1855.			
Apr.	To five days taking invoice,	\$6.50	
	Paid for tax books,	2.13	
	1 day examining J. Mitchell's wood lots,	2.00	
	3 days regulating invoice,	3.00	
	making taxes,	4.00	
	3 days making out highway warrants,	3.00	
	recording taxes,	2.50	
	2 days dividing school money,	2.00	
May 5.	1 day appraising lots of Cemetery,	1.50	
	1 day on town business,	1.00	
June 28.	School books for poor children,	.20	
Aug. 11.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day attending jury meeting,	.50	
	1 day on Allenstown town line,	1.50	
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day attending jury meeting,	.50	
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day do. do. do.,	.50	
	2 days on Manchester town line,	2.50	
	1 day to get pauper bill allowed,	1.50	
	1 day to get railroad tax,	1.50	
Dec. 24.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day regulating jury box,	.50	
Feb. 4.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day attending jury meeting,	.50	
	21. appraising property at Poor Farm,	1.00	
	22. 3 days settling acc'ts, posting warrants, &c.,	3.00	
Mar. 8.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day attending to juror meeting,	.50	
	8. $\frac{1}{2}$ day correcting Check List,	.50	
	for Check Lists,	.44	
			\$42.73

Town of HOOKSETT to NAT. HEAD

DR.

1855.			
Apr.	2 days taking invoice, and expense of horse,	\$5.00	
	2 days do. do. do.,	3.00	
	regulating invoice,	2.00	
	19. 1 day examining Mitchell's wood lots,	2.00	
May 5.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Cemetery,	.50	
12.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day do.,	.50	
	1 day at Concord to get pauper bill allowed,	1.50	
	perambulating Allenstown line, and expenses,	5.00	
Dec. 24.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day regulating juror box,	.50	
1856.			
Feb.	2 days settling accounts,	2.00	
			\$23.50

Town of HOOKSETT to HIRAM KIMBALL		DR.
1855.		
Mar. 16.	To $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	.50
Apr. 2.	1 day taking invoice, and expense of horse,	2.00
	7. $3\frac{1}{2}$ days do. do. do.,	4.00
	12. 2 days regulating invoice,	2.00
	23. $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	.50
	28. 1 day making surveyors' warrants,	1.00
May 5.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	.50
	10. 1 day at Chester on pauper case, and expenses,	2.75
	11. 2 days appointing, and distributing surveyors' warrants.	2.00
July 4.	1 day on town business,	1.00
Dec. 7.	4 days on Manchester town line, and expenses,	6.00
	24. $\frac{1}{2}$ day regulating juror box,	.50
1856.		
Jan. 23.	1 day self and horse to move pauper,	2.00
	29. $\frac{1}{2}$ day to Manchester on town business,	.80
Feb. 5.	1 day and expenses to Concord on pauper case,	1.80
	21. 1 day to Poor Farm,	1.00
	22. 1 day settling accounts,	1.00
	23. 1 day posting warrants and check list,	1.00
	25. 1 day settling accounts,	1.00
Mar. 8.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day attending jury meeting,	.50
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day correcting check list,	.50
		<hr/> \$32.35

JOSEPH T. GOSS, } *Selectmen*
 NAT. HEAD, } *of*
 HIRAM KIMBALL, } *Hooksett.*

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee of Hooksett hereby respectfully submit to the town their annual report:

Your Committee entered upon the discharge of their duties with a sense of their importance, and with the earnest determination to act with strict justice and impartiality, under whatever circumstances they might be placed, and they have endeavored to discharge these duties to the best of their abilities, and with a desire to promote the prosperity and success of the common schools of Hooksett.

In submitting a report of this character, it can not be expected that either the merits or demerits of every teacher or of every school, will be presented with minute and mathematical precision. There is neither time nor space for such a work. The Committee can only give their general impressions of the labors of the teachers and the character of the schools. And these impressions, we think, will not differ very widely from the actual state of things. If your Committee have assisted to encourage and stimulate the teachers in the discharge of their high and responsible duties, or if they have incited the parent, the citizen, to feel a deeper interest in the cause of common school education, in raising the schools of this town to a higher standard of excellence, and promote their present and future prosperity and success, then will our purpose and wish have been fully attained.

The summer school in District No. 1, taught by Miss Sarah F. Otterson, deserves a very favorable notice, for good order and signal advancement made. The winter school, taught by Mr. Carter, although inexperienced in teaching, deserves praise, for worthy efforts.

In District No. 2, the summer and winter schools were taught by Miss Moore. The schools fell short of the improvement expected, partly owing to dissension of the district, and partly from obstinacy and other faults of the teacher.

In District No. 3, the summer school was taught by Miss Clough, with ability and a good degree of success. The winter, by Mr. Colt, of Manchester, with tolerable success, although his exertions were somewhat paralyzed by a few unruly boys.

The summer school in District No. 4, taught by Miss Carrie Stearnes, deserves commendation. The winter school, taught by Mr. Moody K. Wilson, with very good success, although a lack of order, in a degree, retarded the improvement which otherwise would have been made.

In No. 5, Miss Poor, of Goffstown, taught both summer and winter schools; though inexperienced in teaching, good order was preserved and advancement made, creditable alike to teacher and parent.

The summer school, in District No. 6, was taught by Miss Chase part of the term, but owing to dissatisfaction, resigned, and was succeeded by Miss Cushing, with tolerable success. The winter school, by Mr. Green, deserves notice, for worthy efforts.

The summer school in District No. 7, taught by Miss Abby C. Shute, speaks in the highest terms of her skill and management in teaching. The winter, by Mr. Sargent, of Candia, is deserving of the highest praise.

In District No. 8, the summer school was taught by Miss S. Mitchell, with good results. The winter, by Miss Jane Austin, with commendable success.

The number of scholars in the town who have attended school two weeks or more, 390; average attendance in summer terms, 173; do. winter, 215. The number of weeks kept in summer, 108; do. winter, 90. Number of female teachers employed during the year,

12; do. male, 5. Average wages of male teachers per month, exclusive of board, \$20.00; do. female, \$9.92. The whole amount of school money for 1855, \$1151.64.

In conclusion, we would say that we fully concur in the opinion of our predecessors in regard to the employment of female teachers in most of our winter schools. Not many years have passed away since it was firmly believed that no person was fit to teach a winter school unless he belonged to the masculine gender. The idea that a female was qualified or capable of keeping in subjection a set of large, disorderly and ill-mannered boys, such as usually crowd into our winter schools, was regarded with incredulity and astonishment. But experience has abundantly demonstrated such prejudices to be unfounded. The female has shown herself fully competent to take charge of any of our ordinary winter schools, and, in many instances, has succeeded better than a male teacher would have done, under the same circumstances. The facts, and our experience the past year, placed the question of the ability and competency of female teachers beyond a doubt. Your Committee would not say that there may not be cases where the strong arm and stern authority of a man would be requisite, but as a general thing, there are few of our winter schools that may not be skillfully managed and ably instructed by females, and in some respects, she possesses the advantage over the male. In power to win the affections and enlist the sympathies of the scholars, she is eminently his superior.

Your Committee can not refrain from impressing upon the mind of the parent and the citizen the value of our common schools, as above all private methods of instruction. The common schools of our land are institutions of which we as a people should justly feel proud, and in which we can not be too deeply interested. They are the nurseries of intelligence and of freemen. They are the instruments for the preservation of a republican form of government. Despotism and ignorance always exist in close alliance with each other, and no republic can long exist unless a free school system be maintained. But without dwelling farther on common school instruction, which prepares the child for the sterner duties of life, we submit these suggestions and remarks to your earnest consideration.

J. GAULT,	} <i>Superintending</i>
E. A. RUSSELL,	
JOSIAH CLARK,	
	<i>School Committee</i>
	<i>of Hooksett.</i>

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